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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I am a concerned citizen and a member of the animal rights organization PETA, and I am disturbed about what I have been learning about the treatment of chickens, especially the forced molting of layer hens. I support the petition to ban these forced moltings and would like you to be aware of my position.

I also respectfully ask for a response from you, regarding the current methods and practices of how poultry and layer hens are treated in general. In addition to the forced moltings, I have been reading some very disturbing things about how male chicks are crushed or thrown in plastic bags and suffocated because they are no good to certain farmers because they don't lay eggs. I am not an extremist type of a person, but some of what I have been reading has been disturbing and if you could address any of my concerns I would appreciate it.

Thank you,



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